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# Press Release

**DISPUTE CONCERNING DELIMITATION OF THE MARITIME BOUNDARY  
BETWEEN MAURITIUS AND MALDIVES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN**

**SOLEMN DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY JUDGES *AD HOC*  
AT 2:30 P.M. ON 12 OCTOBER 2020**

The Tribunal will hold a public sitting on Monday, 12 October 2020 at 2:30 p.m., during which the judges *ad hoc* chosen by Mauritius and Maldives will make the solemn declaration required under article 9 of the Rules of the Tribunal. Mauritius has chosen Mr Nicolaas Schrijver (The Netherlands) to serve as judge *ad hoc* and Maldives has chosen Mr Bernard H. Oxman (United States of America). The solemn declarations will be given by Mr Schrijver in the courtroom and by Mr Oxman via videolink.

The hearing on the preliminary objections raised by the Republic of Maldives relating to the jurisdiction of the Special Chamber and to the admissibility of the claims submitted by the Republic of Mauritius will be held in hybrid format, with seven judges participating in the courtroom and two by videolink. Mauritius and Maldives will be represented by delegations, some members of which will be present in the courtroom and others connected via videolink.

The schedule of the hearing is available on the website of the Tribunal at: <https://www.itlos.org/cases/schedule-of-hearings/>

Public access to the courtroom will not be permitted but the hearing will be broadcast [live](#). A recorded webcast will be made available under [Webcast Archives](#) after the close of the sitting.

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